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NEWS.

PROFESSOR C. J. HERRICK, of Denison University, has been awarded the Cartwright prize of \$500, by Columbia University, for his work upon the brain of fishes.

One feature of the work of the veterinary congress, held in Baden August 9-14, is an attempt to provide a uniform anatomical nomenclature.

For the present, at least, the collections of the Museum of Practical Geology, in Jermyn Street, London, will not be merged with those of the Natural History Department of the British Museum.

Some of the botanists propose to make one day of the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Columbus a memorial day in honor of Sullivant and Lesquereux, who lived for many years in that city.

Dr. D. G. Brinton has presented his valuable library, relating to American linguistics, to the University of Pennsylvania.

Columbia University has recently received the conchological collections of the late Henry D. Van Nostrand.

Professor L. V. Pirsson, of Yale University, succeeds the late Professor Marsh as an editor of the *American Journal of Science and Arts*.

It now seems probable that \$20,000 will be raised for Mr. J. E. S. Moore's expedition to investigate Lake Tanganyika.

The legislature of Arkansas has made provision for the publication of the remaining reports of Dr. J. C. Branner, for several years state geologist. These reports are largely economic in character and deal with the coal, clays, bauxite, kaolin, zinc, and lead deposits. Some of the earlier reports are out of print, and these will be reprinted.

The state of Wisconsin has appropriated \$10,000 for two years for a geological and natural history survey of the state. Professor E. A. Birge, of the state university, is the director of the survey.

The corner stone of a museum of oceanography, founded by the Prince of Monaco, was laid on April 26. Representatives of the

French and German governments were present. The museum is intended to contain the collections of the yacht *Princess Alice*, which for several years has been engaged in the study of the fauna of the deep seas.

Columbia University has recently received \$10,000, to be known as the Dyckman Fund, the interest of which will be used in the encouragement of biological research on the part of graduate students.

Mr. J. Dörfler, Barichgasse 36, Wien, III, Austria, is preparing a new edition of his directory of botanists, which will be issued about the first of next year.

A school of geography is about to be established in the University of Oxford through the coöperation of the university and the Royal Geographical Society, each institution to bear half of the expense. It will be under the direction of Mr. H. J. Mackinder, who has held the position of reader in geography for the past twelve years.

Mr. F. V. Bennett has resigned from the Geological Survey of the United Kingdom after a service of over thirty years.

Dr. Adolf Fich, professor of physiology in the University of Würzburg, has resigned on account of age.

The *Naturalists' Directory* will be reëdited for 1899 by S. E. Cassino.

Appointments: Dr. A. P. Anderson, assistant professor of botany in the University of Minnesota. — Dr. Wilhelm Benecke, of Strassburg, docent for botany in the University of Kiel. — Dr. Alfred Bergeat, of Munich, professor of mineralogy and geology in the mining academy at Clausthal. — Dr. Franz Boas, professor of anthropology in Columbia University. — Professor Alessandro Coggi, of Perugia, professor of zoölogy and comparative anatomy in the University of Sienna. — Dr. Nikolaus Karl Czermak, professor of anatomy, histology, and embryology in the University of Dorpat. — Dr. von Elterlein, docent for mineralogy and geology in the University of Erlangen. — Dr. Enrico Festa, assistant in the zoölogical museum of the University of Turin. — Dr. Alberto Fucini, docent for paleontology and geology in the University of Pisa. — Dr. Ercole Giacomini, of Sienna, associate-professor of zoölogy and comparative anatomy in the University of Perugia. — Dr. Hugo Glück, docent for botany in the University of Heidelberg. — Dr. J. M. Janse, director of the botanical gardens at Leiden. — Dr. Max Koch, of Berlin, titular professor of geology. — Dr. A. C. Lane, state geologist of Michigan. — Dr. G. Lindau, custos of the Royal Botanical Museum in Berlin. — Albert

Lindström, prosector in the Karolinian Institute in Stockholm, honorary professor. — Dr. Günther Beck von Mannagetta, of Vienna, professor of systematic botany in the German University of Prag. — A. J. Pieters, first assistant in botany in the Department of Agriculture at Washington. — Dr. Antonio Porta, assistant in the zoölogical museum of the University of Parma. — Dr. Otto Stapf, chief assistant in the Kew herbarium. — Dr. Weinschenck, docent for mineralogy and geology in the Munich Technical School. — Dr. Karl Wenle, of Berlin, directorial assistant in the Ethnological Museum in Leipzig.

Deaths: Otto Böckeler, botanist, at Vavel, Oldenburg, March 5, aged 96. — Charles Brogniart, assistant in entomology in the Paris Museum of Natural History, aged 40. — Thomas A. Bruhin, botanist, in Basel. — Abbe Francisco Castracane, student of diatoms at Rome, aged 82. — Dr. A. W. Chapman, well known for his former studies of the flora of the southern states, at Apalachicola, Fla., April 6, in his ninetieth year. — Johann Dorfinger, student of lepidoptera in Vienna, March 19, aged 86. — Joseph J. Dowling, ornithologist, at Dublin, February 2. — Otto Gelert, botanist, at Copenhagen, March 20. — Dr. Gremley, a botanist, at Egelshofen. — Sylvanus Hanley, conchologist. — Franz Ritter von Hauer, a well-known geologist and former director of the Austrian geological survey in Vienna, March 20, aged 77. — Dr. Theodor von Hessling, formerly professor of anatomy in the University of Munich, aged 83. — Dr. H. B. Herretson, an English oculist and ornithologist, aged 49. — James Hogg, well known to the older generation of microscopists, in London, April 23, aged 82. — John Lee, an English botanist, January 20, aged 49. — Sir Frederick McCoy, professor of natural science in the University of Melbourne, well known for his geological investigations, aged 76. He was a native of Dublin, but had lived in Australia since 1854. — Dr. F. Minà Palumbo, a Sicilian zoölogist, March 12, aged 85. — Dr. Rijke, professor of natural history at Leiden, aged 85. — Edward W. Roper, conchologist, in San Diego, Cal., December 31, aged 40. — Rev. Alfred Charles Smith, ornithologist, in Devizes, England, December 7. — Joseph Stevens, of Reading, England, archæologist and geologist, April 7, aged 81. — G. C. Swallow, for several years state geologist of Missouri, April 20, aged 82. — Dr. C. C. Wallich, of the British Army, aged 83. — J. H. Wifbe, of Schenectady, N. Y., botanist, aged 60. — Franz Woenig, botanist, at Leipzig. — Mr. Joseph Wolf, the artist whose illustrations of zoölogical works are familiar to all.